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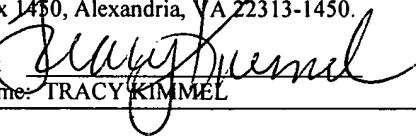
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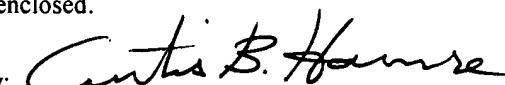
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

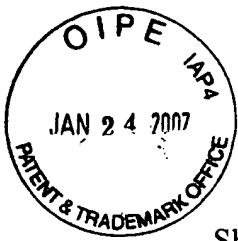
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	DE 695 20 174	January 1996	GERMANY			Abstract	
	EP 0 280 872	September 1998	EUROPE			Abstract	
	EP 0 023 380	February 1981	EUROPE			Abstract	
	EP 0 337 110	October 1989	EUROPE			Abstract	
	DE 691 02 404	October 1994	GERMANY			Abstract	
	WO 86/04624	August 1986	WIPO			See IDS	
	DE 36 90 048	March 1987	GERMANY			See IDS	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		German Office Action dated August 25, 2006.

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